

FOOD TRUCK POLICY ADVISORY GROUP
11/18/13 MEETING SUMMARY

The meeting was called to order by the Convener who then asked if there were any changes to the summary for the previous meeting. No changes were suggested. There was a discussion regarding whether the issues chart needs to be updated.

The public comments began with a presentation by the Chairman of the DMV Food Truck Association who expressed hope that the recommendation from the Advisory Group would be to allow food trucks in Alexandria and explained their approach to mobile food vending.

A summary of the public comments follows.

- As a food truck vendor, based in Alexandria, I am disappointed by the opposition. Discussed enforcement activity at Mark Hilton Hotel. He referenced an Advisory Group member calling the General Manager at the Hotel and telling him that he might be receiving a visit from the Health Department and the same person filing an anonymous complaint with the Health Department.
- Advisory Group needs to address what trucks can do on private property. Has owned an Alexandria business for two years and would love to vend in Alexandria. His commissary is here. A good pilot would allow the food trucks to roam.
- Works in Mark Center area. Is thrilled that food trucks are there and hopes that they will be allowed to continue.
- Southern Towers owners support food trucks. They are a great thing for Alexandria and the West End. Support allowing them in City.
- Business is Alexandria based. Plans to open a brick and mortar operation. Does events at Port City Brewery; run a pilot to see how things will work.
- Lives in D.C. and works at Mark Center. Supports food trucks in that area.
- I am a West End resident who loves food trucks. Would like to have them in the City.
- For food trucks to be viable, they need the ability to roam.
- The Fairfax County Board is in the process of formalizing regulations to allow food trucks on private property (thinks scheduled for February action).

A general discussion on vending in residential areas ensued.

